

Appl. No. 10/696,793
Examiner: HEWITT, JAMES, Art Unit 3679
In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2005

Date: December 3, 2005
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REMARKS

Present Status of Application

After this amendment, claims 1-12 are pending in the application. Claim 4 is withdrawn from consideration. The indicated allowance of claims 1-3 is withdrawn in light of Satterfield et al (US 6,098,245) and/or Norbury (US 6,158,978).

In this paper, claims 1 and 5 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found on page 6, lines 10-23 of the specification. Claim 12 is added. Support for the new claim can be found in original claim 5.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments and the remarks contained below.

Satterfield et al

Satterfield et al teach a vacuum cleaner motor assembly. Applicant first submits that, when the term is given its broadest reasonable interpretation consistent with the specification, Satterfield et al does not teach an "inflatable product" as recited in claim 1. Applicant further submits that while the motor/fan taught by Satterfield et al may be pivoted relative to the head portion when using the vacuum cleaner, the motor/fan is not movable between a first position and a second position for inflating and deflating a chamber, as recited in claim 1.

Norbury

Norbury teaches a blower housing motor mount adapter. Norbury fails to teach or suggest an inflatable product, a chamber, or that the blower is movable between a first position and a second position for inflating and deflating a chamber, as recited in claim 1.

Withdrawn Claim 4

As noted by the Examiner, upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of the generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141. Claim 4 depends

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from claim 1, which is believed to be allowable for the above-described reasons. Applicant respectfully requests the consideration and allowance of claim 4.

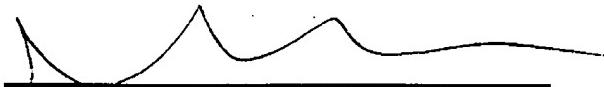
Claims 5-12

Claims 5-12 are believed to be allowable for the reasons described in the amendment filed on April 27, 2005. Applicant further submits that neither Satterfield et al nor Norbury teach or suggest the features recited therein. New claim 12 is believed to be allowable at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 5.

Conclusion

The Applicant believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests so.

Respectfully submitted,



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